

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED 21AUG2007**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on 08/21/2007 for the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks hereby submitted with payment of the first month extension fee under 37CFR§1.17(a)(1).

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.